

Ferland pays for not playing politics

To the editor:

Representative Brenda Ferland's decision to drop out of the Democratic Party and re-register as an Independent is indicative of the gamesmanship of politics; be it on the local - state or federal level.

Her statement, "After the election everyone said everything is going to be different - I found out it's not so. No matter what party you belong to, it's the buddy system."

"Some may change their party for the sake of their principles; others their principles for the sake of their party."

Winston Churchill

Brenda's mistake, I fear, was in thinking that making it into the Granite Clubhouse, that she would be serving the interests of the people.

Because she made the 'unconscionable' decision to vote against two bills, in scripted lockstep with Party directives, House Speaker state Rep. Terie Norelli, passed her over (after 8 years of service) and appointed a one term Rep. as Chairman of the Transportation Committee.

That should teach Brenda a lesson! She isn't the first Democrat (or Republican) to be shafted! Terie it appears has let a little power blind her to what true statesmanship is about - much like her counterpart, Nancy Pelosi, insisting on a military jet, and other perks now that she's made the big time. "We have, I fear, confused power with greatness."

Stewart Udall

If anything happens to get done (local, state, federal) in the interests of the people it is by sheer accident. Citizens are wearied of these locker room antics, popularity contests, high school debates, and political jingoisms (all servicing special interests). It's quite evident that persons of Brenda's character and commitment don't fit in with groupthink.

"History is a gallery of pictures in which there are 'few' originals and many copies."

Alexis de Tocqueville

Judith Moriarty
Claremont

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